

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 691

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Charles Howard
Bozeman of Knoxville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of the Honorable Charles Howard Bozeman, retired County Judge of Knox County; and

WHEREAS, Judge Bozeman was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, demonstrating acumen and alacrity throughout his many years of public service, Judge Bozeman held the longest tenure of any County Judge serving the County of Knox. He served from 1948 – 1966, and again from 1974 – 1982, during which times he earned the respect of his peers and constituents alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, the tireless and selfless acts of community service performed by Judge Bozeman are in large part responsible for the establishment of the Knox County Health Department, the Knox County Library System, and the Knox County Utility Districts. On his watch, some 3,000 miles of county roads were paved, and he oversaw the building of many county schools and parks throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, following in the footsteps of his father, Judge Bozeman was deeply involved in Masonry. After completing both the Scottish and York Rites to become a 33rd degree Mason, he became Potentate of Kerbel Temple; then extending his service to that worthy organization, he became a member of the Board of Trustees for the Shrine Children's Hospitals and Burns Institutes; and

WHEREAS, an ardent supporter of Boy Scouting, Judge Bozeman was extremely proud that each of his sons became an Eagle Scout. Beyond his paternal support of them

individually, he served as President of the Great Smoky Mountain Council of the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, a lover of everything concerning the University of Tennessee, Judge Bozeman found endless enjoyment in all the University's sporting and arts venues. He gave freely of his leadership skills and personal time to serve on many councils and boards at the University, and he served as president of the University of Tennessee Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, extending his benevolence and altruism even further, Judge Bozeman became a very active member of the Sertoma Club of Knoxville; he rarely missed a meeting or an opportunity to help with great community service done by that fine organization; and

WHEREAS, he was an excellent public servant, community leader, and individual, and Judge Bozeman used his fount of knowledge and moral fortitude, to serve his fellow man at his church. He was a devout Christian who loved and worshipped with the congregation of First Baptist Church of Knoxville for many years; and

WHEREAS, without question, the greatest attribute of this great man was his incredible devotion to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his loving wife, Barbara Ann Neman Bozeman, with whom he spent sixty-seven years in holy matrimony, and she shall sadly miss his loving companionship; and

WHEREAS, of their holy union, the Bozemans received the blessings of four sons, who have in turn multiplied the family numbers; all of them will sorely miss the grand patriarch of their family; and

WHEREAS, Judge Bozeman is survived by sons Barry Russell Bozeman of Knoxville, Dr. Charles Howard Bozeman II, and wife Linda of Sevierville, David Bryan Bozeman and wife, Gena of Crossville, and Samuel Ross Bozeman and wife, Dr. Megan Murray of Cambridge, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, grandchildren who survive Judge Bozeman are Leslie Bozeman Koester and husband, Devin of Sevierville, Allison Bozeman Lawhon and husband, Ben of Lyons, Colorado, Dr. Sarah Bozeman Lewis and husband, Dr. Scott Lewis of Somerset, Kentucky,

Charles Howard Bozeman III, of Sevierville, Bryan Benjamin Bozeman of Crossville, and Brownyn, Caleb, and Ursula Murray-Bozeman of Cambridge, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Judge Bozeman's lineage includes great-grandchildren, Kent and Maci Koester, Owen and Evan Lewis, and Cullen Lawhon; and

WHEREAS, Judge Charles Howard Bozeman leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of the Honorable Charles Howard Bozeman, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Judge Bozeman.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.